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For: THIN FILMS AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- [x] An Application Data Sheet.
- [x] Four (4) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-4.
- [x] An Assignment of the invention to NGK INSULATORS, LTD.
- [x] Certified copies of Japanese applications Nos. P2003-295768 filed August 20, 2003 and P2003-39304 filed February 18, 2003.
- [x] A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
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Respectfully submitted,

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